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SUBJECT: LOS: SEABED AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION TODAY WITH FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY ABELA BASED ON TWO PART WIRELESS FILE TRANSCRIPT OF CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY LOS INTERVIEW, ABELA RAISED QUESTION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR MALTA'S DESIRE TO BECOME HOST FOR SEABED AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WOULD DEPEND IN GOOD PART ON EXTENT TO WHICH MALTA ITSELF WAS ABLE TO GENERATE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND ASKED HOW GOM WAS DOING ON THIS SCORE. ABELA REFERRED TO WHAT HE CLAIMED WAS CONSIDERABLE ARAB AND ESPECIALLY NORTH AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR MALTA, BUT PUT PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS ON WHAT HE SAW AS BREAKTHROUGH IN POSSIBLE SUPPORT FROM LATIN AMERICA IN WRITTEN PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FROM COSTA RICA OBTAINED DURING RECENT ABELA VISIT THERE.

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- 2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESTATEMENT OF CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.
- 3. ABELA DID NOT KNOW (BUT WOULD CHECK) WHO FROM GOM WAS ATTENDING GENEVA SESSION FEBRUARY 28 CALLED AT NORWEGIAN INITIATIVE. (STATE 003591). LAINGEN

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